GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL EXCAVATION IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the reported illegal excavation continuing on a large scale at the land of forest department in Govindpur under Bokaro district in Jharkhand State;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry into the above matter or taken up this matter with the Jharkhand Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Yes Sir. The State Forest Department, Jharkhand has reported illegal excavation over 123.45 ha. of forest land in Bokaro District of Jharkhand State.

(b) & (c) Plotwise and Villagewise joint survey by State Forest Departmentand Central Coal Field Ltd. has been done. Cases have been registered against officials of Central Coal Field Ltd. responsible for violation of Forest Conservation Act and the excavation activity has been stopped.